

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2009. Various claims are amended as shown. No new matter has been added. Claims 10, 15-16, 31-34, and 40 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 42, and 44 are canceled herein.

I. Response to Arguments

Examiner is thanked for considering the remarks made in the submission filed April 30, 2009.

II. Priority

Examiner is thanked for acknowledging the claim of foreign priority made under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-9, 11-14, and 17-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for being allegedly indefinite. In particular, claim 1 was said to lack antecedent basis for “the first signal” in lines 10-11 of previous version of claim 1. Claim 1 has been canceled rendering this rejection moot. Claims 2-9, 11-14, and 17-30 were rejected under § 112 for their dependence on claim 1 but these claims have been amended to depend from claim 5. It is submitted that claim 5 is therefore not indefinite and that claims 2-9, 11-14, and 17-30 are consequently in a condition for allowance.

IV. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, 17-21, 35-39, and 41-45 were variously rejected under § 103(a) as being allegedly obvious over Schneider (U.S. Pat. No. 6,246,716) in combination with various other references.

Claims 1, 42, and 44 have been canceled, rendering their rejections moot.

Claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-14, 17-21, and 41 either depend directly or indirectly from claim 5 or have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from claim 5. Claim 5 was

indicated in the above-captioned Office Action as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. As discussed below, claim 5 has been so rewritten. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-14, 17-21, and 41 is in a condition for allowance at least for its dependence on claim 5.

Claim 35 has been amended to be in independent form and to recite subject matter similar to amended claim 5. Claim 5 was indicated in the above-captioned Office Action as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, it is submitted that claim 35 is in a condition for allowance at least for the same reasons as amended claim 5. Claims 36-39 have been amended to depend from claim 35. It is accordingly submitted that claims 36-39 are therefore in a condition for allowance at least for their dependence on claim 35.

Claim 45 has been amended to depend on claim 46. Claim 46 was indicated in the above-captioned Office Action as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. As discussed below, claim 46 has been so rewritten. Therefore, it is submitted that claim 45 is in a condition for allowance at least for its dependence on claim 46.

V. Allowable Subject Matter

The present Office Action indicated that claims 5, 22-30, and 46 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 5 and 46 have been so rewritten and it is therefore submitted that claims 5 and 46 are in a condition for allowance. Claims 22-30 depend from claim 5, and it is submitted that these claims are also in a condition for allowance at least for their dependence on claim 5.

VI. Conclusion

Given the above amendments and accompanying remarks, it is submitted that the independent claims are now in condition for allowance. The dependent claims that depend directly or indirectly on these independent claims are likewise allowable based on at least the same reasons and based on the recitations contained in each dependent claim.

If the undersigned attorney has overlooked a teaching in any of the cited references that is relevant to the allowability of the claims, the Examiner is requested to specifically point out where such teaching may be found. Further, if there are any informalities

or questions that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this response, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 500393.

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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